

Columbia, S. Carolina 29223  
May 9, 2018

The Chairman  
South Carolina Public Utilities Commission  
101 Executive Center Drive  
Columbia, S. Carolina 29211.

Dear Chairman:

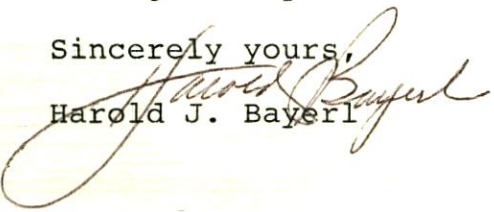
I write as a customer of Palmetto of Richland County to express my reaction to the recent extraordinary increase in the cost of sewage service.

My normal sewage bill was approximately \$25.00 per month based on my water consumption. As a person living alone in a 2300 sq,ft. house with a well for lawn watering that seemed reasonable. As you know all residential bills are now standardized and my bill is \$52.00 per month--a substantial increase. More important than the increase is the message this sends to consumers--use more water.

Forward thinking communities and nations are trying to instill in people the importance of conserving resources such as water knowing that these resources are highly likely to diminish in time. Here in South Carolina we have been fortunate not to have water problems but there is no guarantee for the future.

It is distressing to know that each month I will be paying the bill for many who waste this resource and even more distressing to know that there is seemingly a lack of foresight on the part of those appointed to regulate public utilities.

Sincerely yours,

  
Harold J. Bayerl

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